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Ever Wonder Why Small Businesses Are Closed, While Large Chains Remain Open?

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Ontario Premier Doug Ford recently became infamous for ordering a restaurant owner to shut down. This of course is while places like Walmart, Costco and Amazon remain open. And Ford is hardly the only one to do this. But why is this the trend? Perhaps influence peddling is the reason.

The above video specifically refers to Adam Skelly, who was arrested when he ignored Ford's dictates to close down.

1. Lobbying Registry Web Sites (Public)

https://lobbycanada.gc.ca/ (Federal)
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2. Walmart/SNC Lobbyist Bruce Hartley

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SNC-Lavalin Inc. / BRUCE HARTLEY, Consultant

Registration Information

Client name: **SNC-Lavalin Inc.**
Lobbyist name: **BRUCE HARTLEY, Consultant**
Initial registration start date: **2017-04-25**
Registration status: **Inactive**
Registration Number: **776913-359826**

Associated

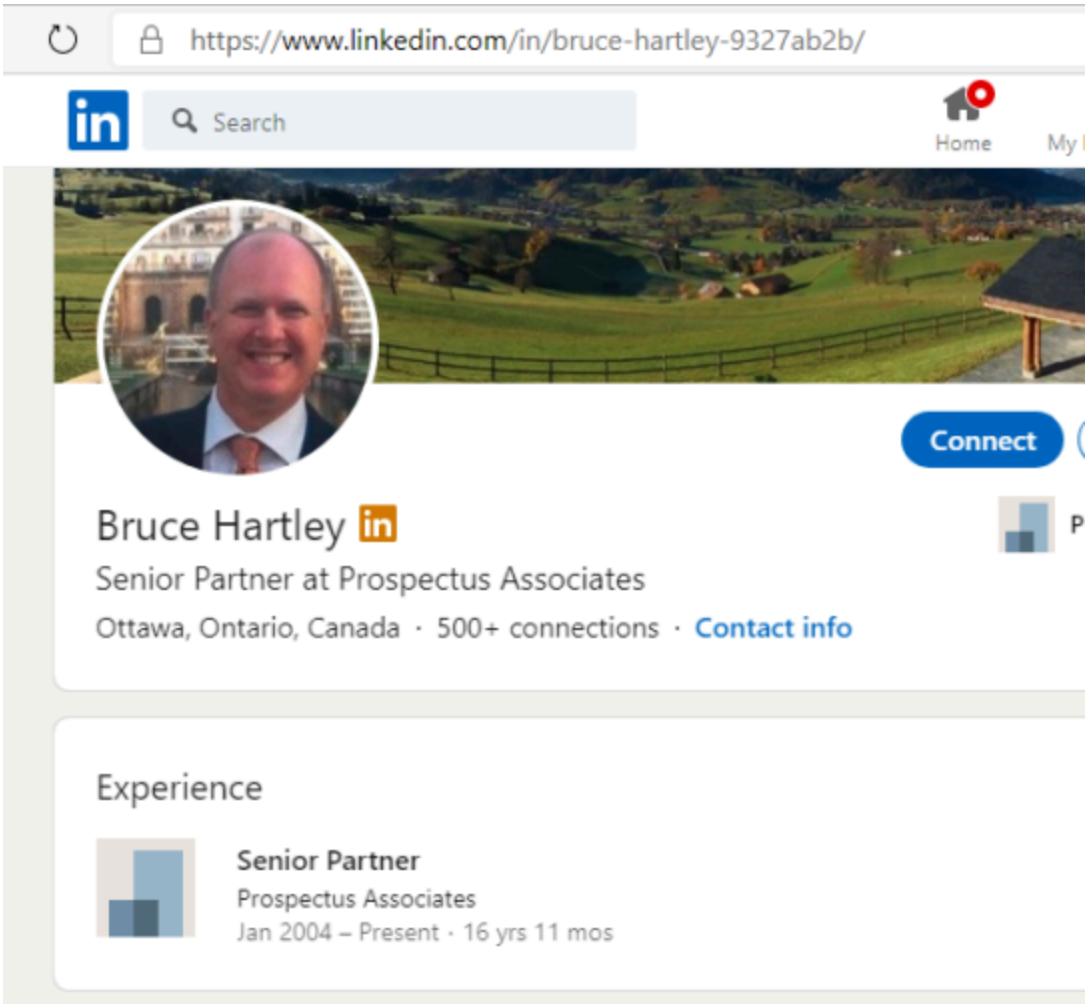
Total Numbe

Monthly com
months: **0**

Public offices held: BRUCE HARTLEY

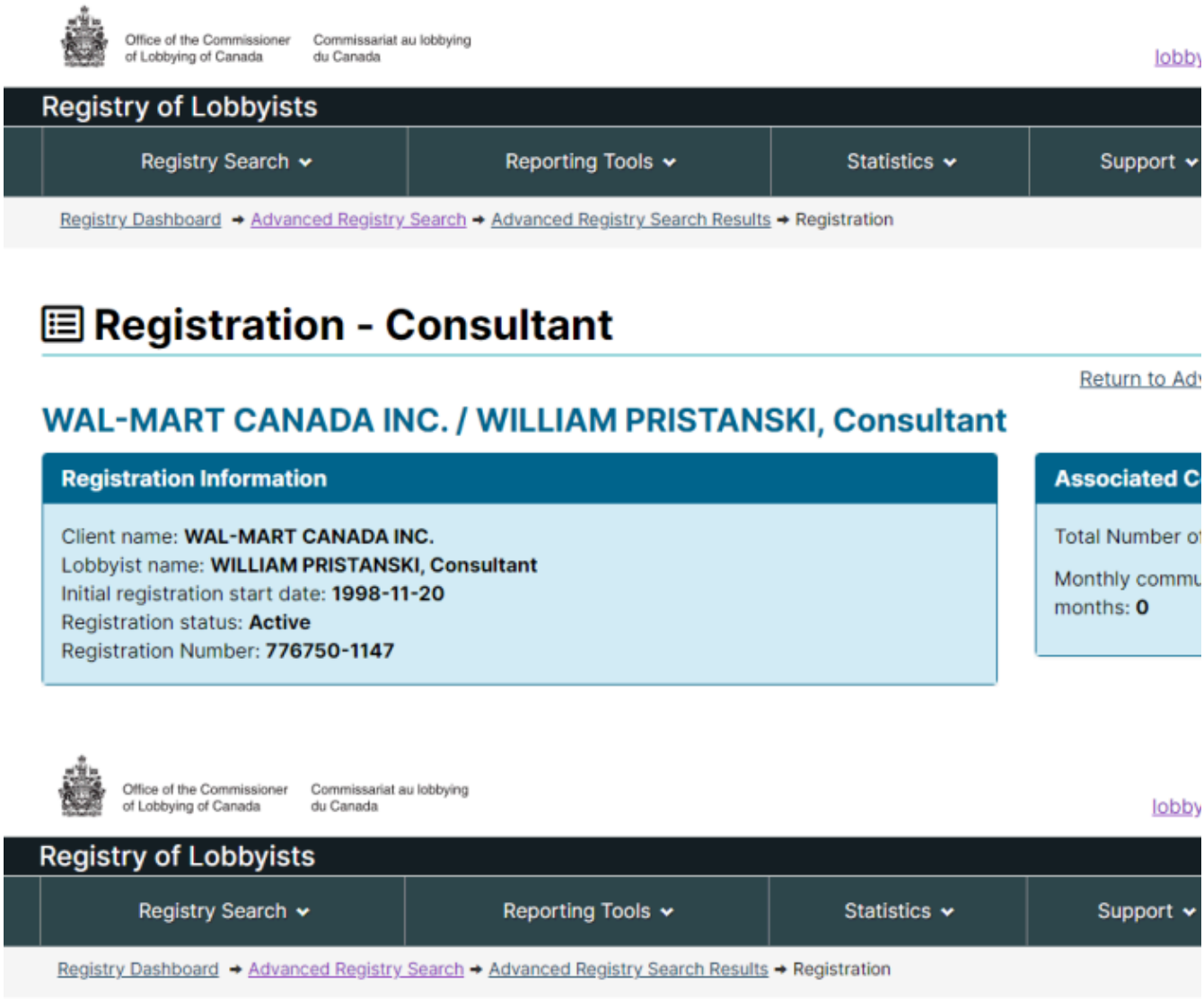
List of Public Offices Held

Position	Period Held	Last Date Designated Public Office Held
Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister's Office	August 1995 to December 2003	Not a designated office
Legislative Assistant to the Prime Minister Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister's Office	November 1993 to August 1995	Not a designated office



Bruce Hartley worked in the Prime Minister's Office, under Jean Chretien (Liberal), from 1993 to 2003. He spent a decade in the Government, according to the Public Office disclosure.

3. Walmart/SNC Lobbyist William Pristanski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Lobbyist name: WILLIAM PRISTANSKI, Consultant
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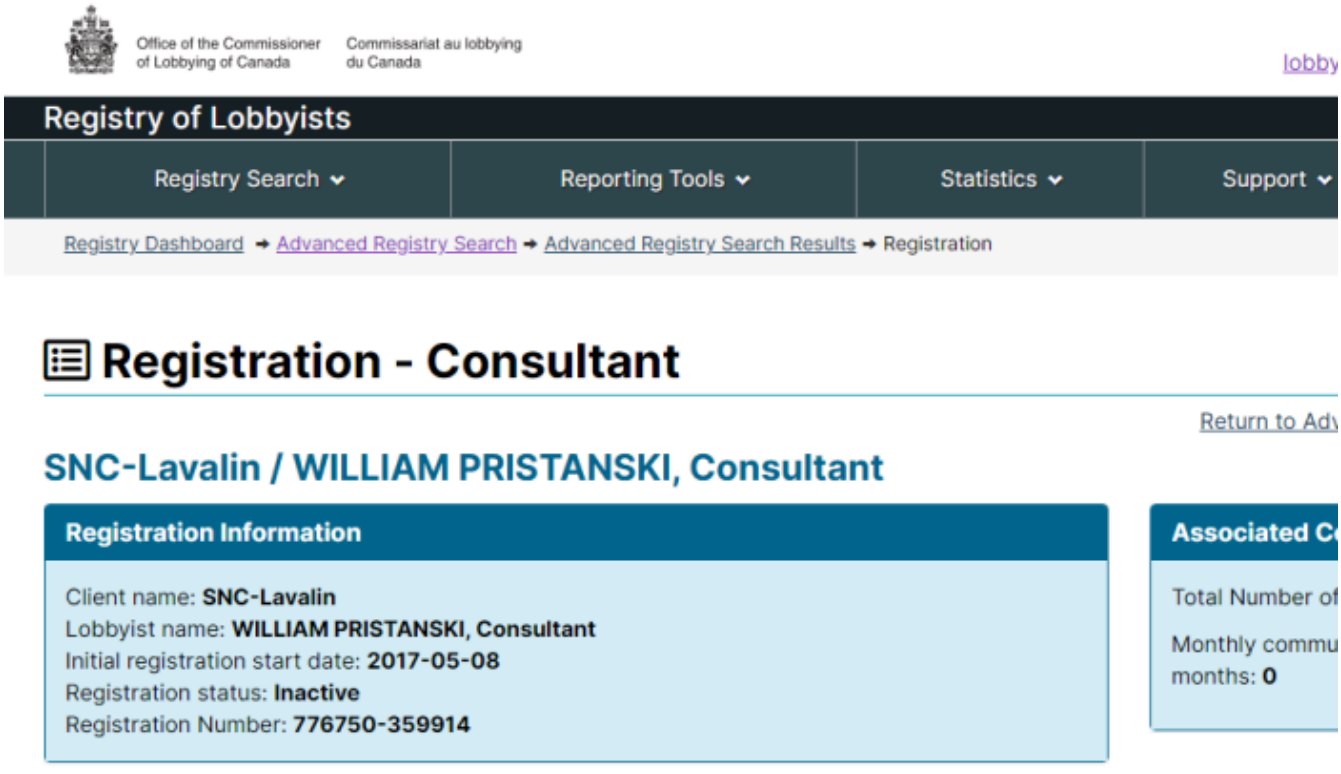
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Lobbyist name: WILLIAM PRISTANSKI, Consultant
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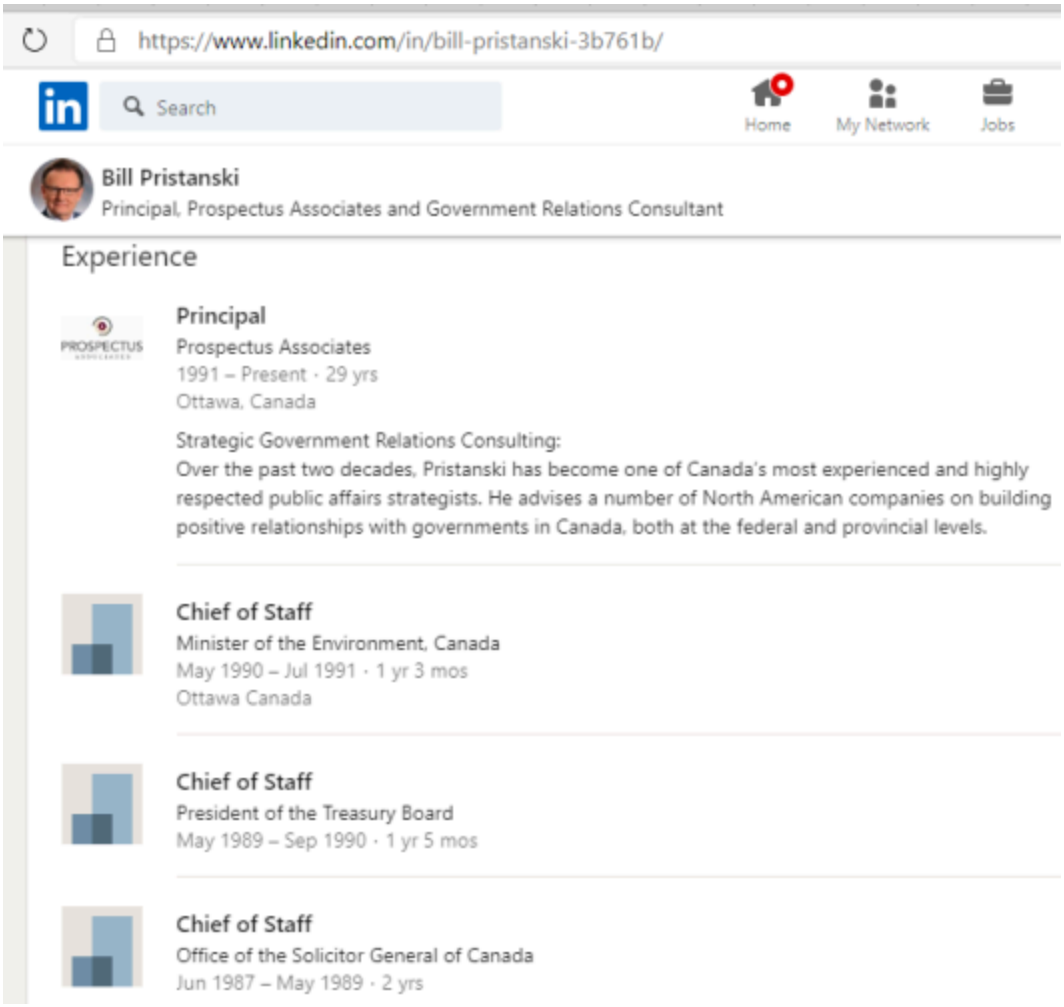
Public offices held: WILLIAM PRISTANSKI ✖

List of Public Offices Held

Position	Period Held	Last Date Designated Public Office Held
Chief of Staff to the Minister of the Environment Environment Canada, Office of the Minister of the Environment	September 1990 to August 1991	Not a designated office
Chief of Staff to the President and Charir of Chiefs of Staffs to Ministers Office of the President of Treasury Board, Treasury Board Secretariat	June 1989 to September 1990	Not a designated office
Chief of Staff to the Solicitor General of Canada Secretariat to the Solicitor General, Office of the Solicitor General	June 1987 to June 1989	Not a designated office
Director of Operations, Scheduling and Tour Prime Minister's Office, Office of	January 1987 to June 1987	Not a designated office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Bill Pristanski
Principal, Prospectus Associates and Government Relations Consultant
Experience
Principal
Prospectus Associates
1991 – Present · 29 yrs
Ottawa, Canada
Strategic Government Relations Consulting:
Over the past two decades, Pristanski has become one of Canada's most experienced and highly respected public affairs strategists. He advises a number of North American companies on building positive relationships with governments in Canada, both at the federal and provincial levels.
Chief of Staff
Minister of the Environment, Canada
May 1990 – Jul 1991 · 1 yr 3 mos
Ottawa Canada
Chief of Staff
President of the Treasury Board
May 1989 – Sep 1990 · 1 yr 5 mos
Chief of Staff
Office of the Solicitor General of Canada
Jun 1987 – May 1989 · 2 yrs

William (Bill) Pristanski worked in the Government of Brian Mulroney (Conservative), from 1984 until 1991. He also worked for the Office of the Official Opposition when the Liberals were in office.

After he departed from public office, Pristanski has been a Principle at Prospectus Associates and Government Relations Consultant. In short, he's been a professional lobbyist for nearly 30 years.

4. Walmart Lobbying Ottawa In 2020

Subject Matter Details

Policies or Program

- Advisories by Public Health Agency (Consumer Products Division) and the development of policies and programs as it relates to the safety of toys and food imported from foreign countries.
- Increase awareness of Walmart's commitment to ethical sourcing, and more specifically global supply chains that empower the people who work in them, and the families that are supported by them.
- Monitor development of legislation to regulate the payments industry in Canada including C-236, An Act to amend the Payment Card Networks Act
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- Policy and programs related to the Environmental objectives of Wal-Mart. In particular, bringing to the attention of government officials the most environmentally-friendly food distribution centre in North America that has just been built in Balzac Alberta
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While most of these "lockdown" measures have been implemented Provincially, it's worth pointing out that the Federal Government has also been lobbied by Walmart. Moreover, it's

Bruce Hartley, and William Pristanski, the same lobbyists who advocated on behalf of SNC Lavalin. And they have ties to the Liberal and Conservative Parties of Canada.

5. Walmart Lobbying Ontario Government

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William Pristanski	04/15/2020	Walmart Canada	Prospectus Associates	Consultant Lobbyist

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Walmart lobbied the Ontario Government several times in 2020. Here are quotes from their Provincial registration.

> Subject Matter
> What is the subject-matter of your lobbying activity?
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> Agriculture, Conservation, Consumer services, ***COVID-19/Pandemic response, Economic development and trade***, Education, Energy, Environment, Food safety, Health, Industry, Infrastructure, International trade, Labour, Liquor control and alcohol, Northern development, Research and innovation, Science and technology, Small business, Taxation and finance, Tourism, Training and skills development, Transportation, Womens' issues,
> .
> Other: Budget, Privacy

Describe your lobbying goal(s) in detail. What are you attempting to influence or accomplish as a result of your communications with Ontario public office holders?

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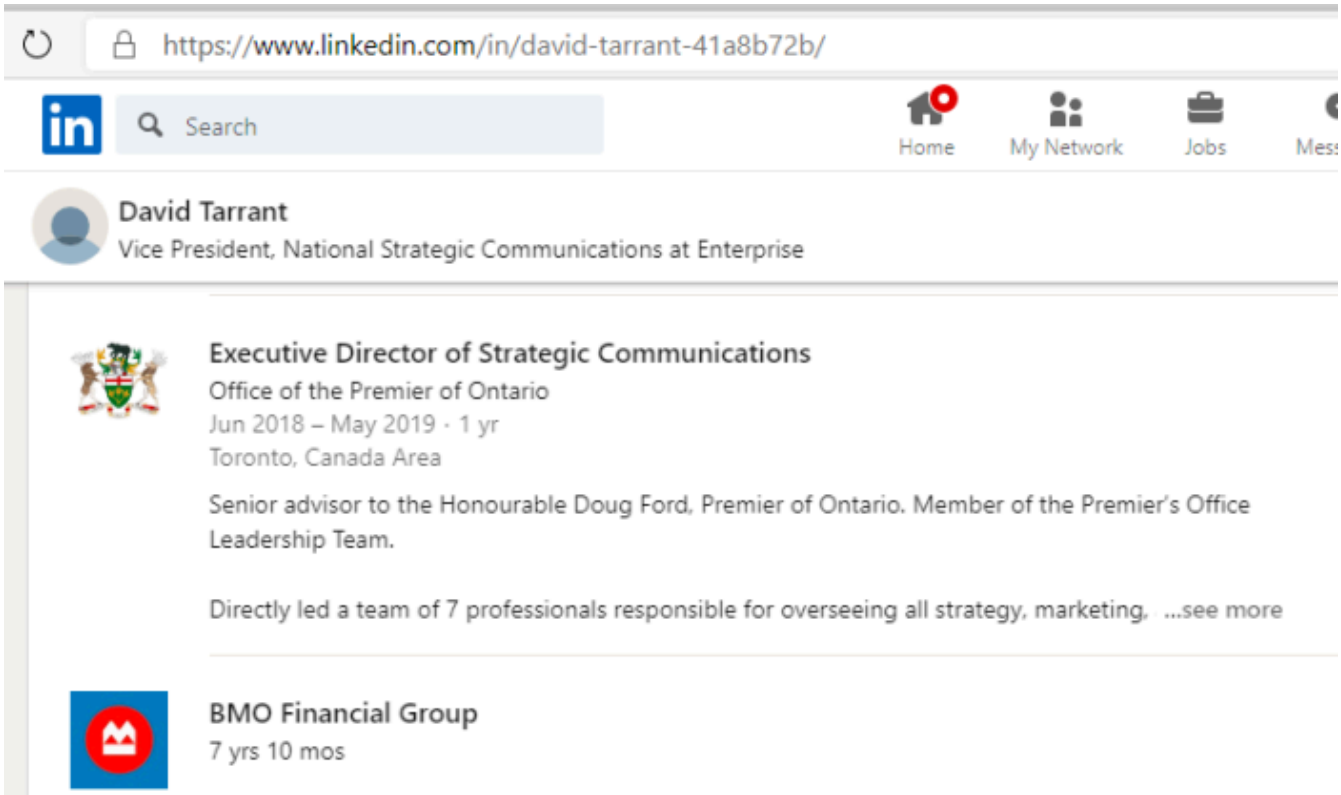
Profiling Walmart to policy makers and decision makers in government. Our objective is to make public policy makers aware of many initiatives taken by Walmart that matches the government's objectives. By profiling such programs, government will better understand how to adjust regulatory environments and how the private sector can help. Walmart drives responsible sourcing and purchases a variety of Canadian products and services. Walmart recently announced its Charter on Plastics, a milestone commitment to reduce plastic waste across its operations. In addition, Walmart's objective is also to ***engage with the government on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains to supply chain management, health & safety requirements***, economic stimulus and opportunities to help.

Why is Doug Ford ordering small businesses to close, while simultaneously allowing places like Walmart to operate with very few restrictions? There could be a very simple reason, beyond just incompetence.

6. Ford Staffers Now Walmart Lobbyists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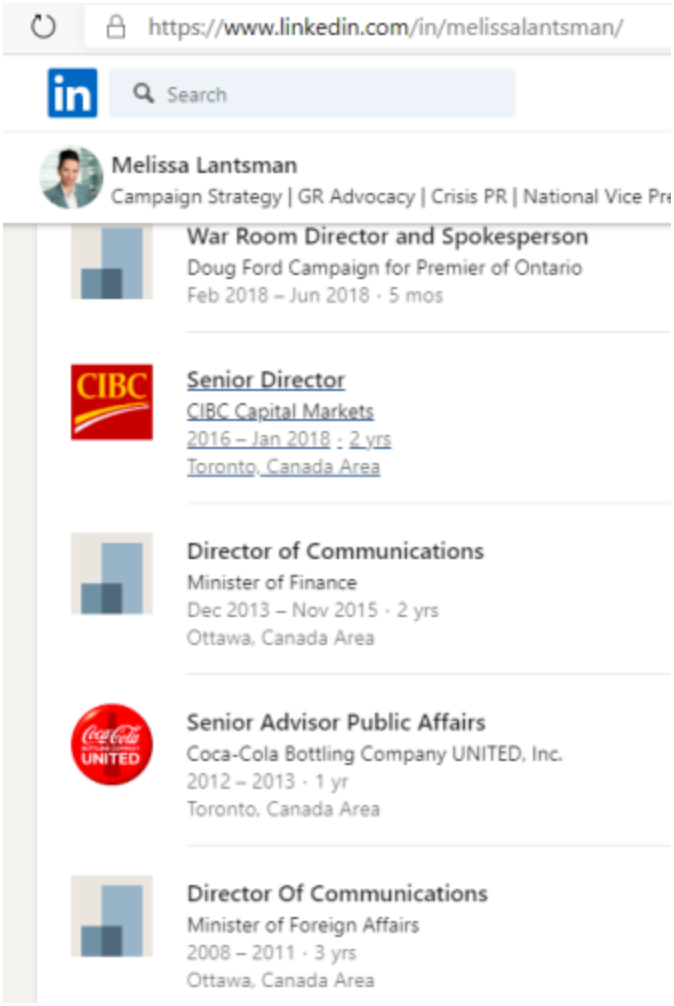
David Tarrant
Vice President, National Strategic Communications at Enterprise
Executive Director of Strategic Communications
Office of the Premier of Ontario
Jun 2018 – May 2019 · 1 yr
Toronto, Canada Area
Senior advisor to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario. Member of the Premier's Office Leadership Team.
Directly led a team of 7 professionals responsible for overseeing all strategy, marketing, ...see more
BMO Financial Group
7 yrs 10 mos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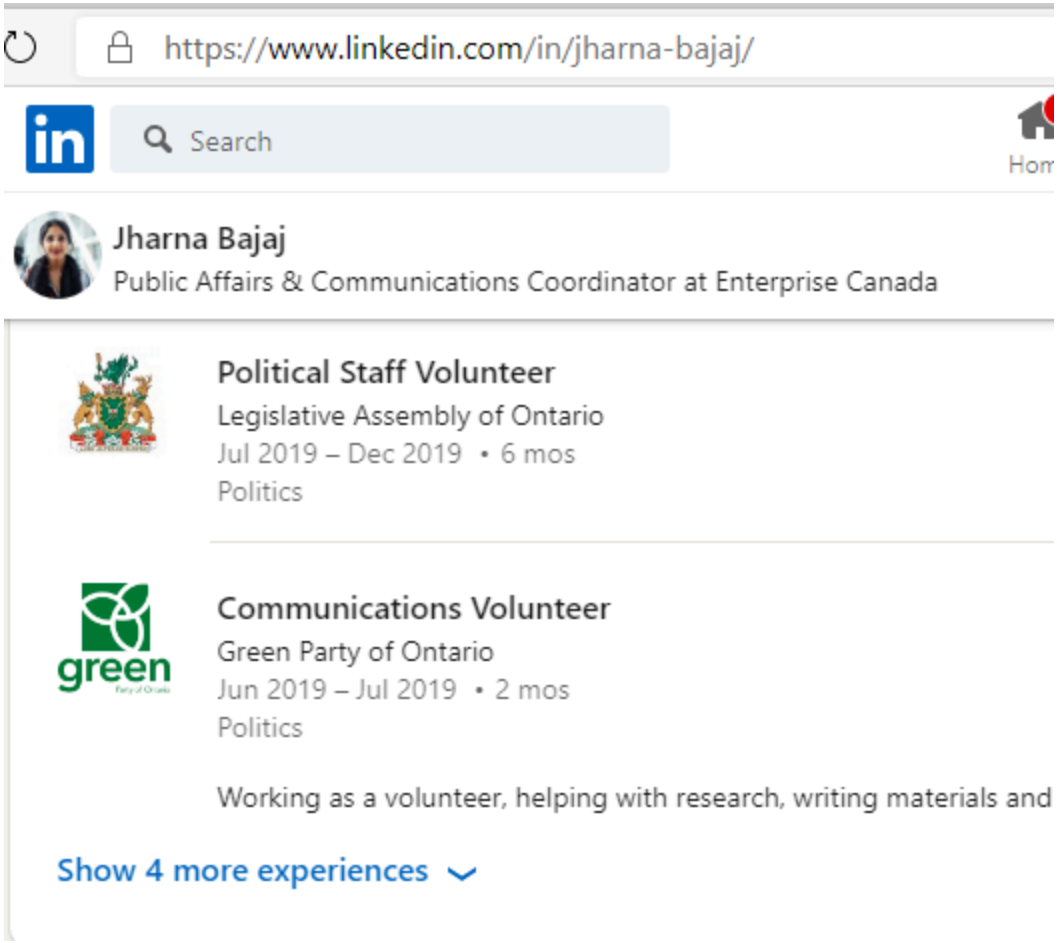
Melissa Lantsman
Campaign Strategy | GR Advocacy | Crisis PR | National Vice Pre
War Room Director and Spokesperson
Doug Ford Campaign for Premier of Ontario
Feb 2018 – Jun 2018 · 5 mos
CIBC
Senior Director
CIBC Capital Markets
2016 – Jan 2018 · 2 yrs
Toronto, Canada Area
Director of Communications
Minister of Finance
Dec 2013 – Nov 2015 · 2 yrs
Ottawa, Canada Area
Senior Advisor Public Affairs
Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED, Inc.
2012 – 2013 · 1 yr
Toronto, Canada Area
Director Of Communications
Minister of Foreign Affairs
2008 – 2011 · 3 yrs
Ottawa, Canada Area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Jharna Bajaj
Public Affairs & Communications Coordinator at Enterprise Canada
Political Staff Volunteer
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
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Both Melissa Lantsman and David Tarrant were staffers for Doug Ford before becoming Walmart lobbyists. It's worth noting that they have ties to other political parties. iPolitics did an interesting article on the conflicts on interest that were obvious.

Jharna Bajaj was a political staff volunteer in the Ontario Legislature before moving onto the private sector.

The William Pristanski is, of course, the same lobbyist who lobbied Federally for Walmart, and who lobbied on behalf of SNC Lavalin, to get them their deferred prosecution agreement

(DPA).

7. Amazon Lobbying Ottawa In 2020

Registration - In-house Corporation

Amazon Web Services Canada / Eric Gales, President

Registration Information

In-house Corporation name: **Amazon Web Services Canada**
Responsible Officer Name: **Eric Gales, President**
Initial registration start date: **2018-03-19**
Registration status: **Active**
Registration Number: **749874-361968**

Registration versions: 8 of 9: 2020-04-15 to

Public offices held: Nicole Foster

List of Public Offices Held

Position	Period Held	Last Date Designated Public Office Held
Legislative Assistant Environment Canada, Minister's Office	2002 to 2004	Not a designated office
Special Assistant Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Office of the Secretary of State	2001 to 2001	Not a designated office
Special Assistant Rural Development, Office of the Secretary of State	2001 to 2002	Not a designated office
summer intern Transport Canada, n/a	May 1996 to August 1996	Not a designated office

Subject Matter Details

Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution, Policies or Program

–***Work with government to promote and support Canada's digital economy***, including ensuring the availability of a high-skilled tech workforce.

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Policies or Program

–***Seeking government contract with multiple government departments and institutions with regards to Amazon Cloud based solutions*** and related support services.

-Seeking to influence policy direction related to cloud based services.

Amazon lobbied Ottawa this year, partly to obtain government contracts, partly to get laws passed to push the digital economy. Nicole Foster also worked in the Government of Jean Chretien.

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Andrew Brander	08/26/2020	Amazon Corporate LLC	Crestview Strategy
Rick Roth	07/07/2020	Amazon Web Services	Global Public Affairs Inc.
Christine McMillan	06/19/2020	Amazon Corporate LLC	Crestview Strategy
Andrew Retfalvi	06/05/2020	Amazon Web Services	Global Public Affairs Inc.
Alex Chreston	05/26/2020	Amazon Corporate LLC	Crestview Strategy
Ginny Movat	04/14/2020	Amazon Corporate LLC	Crestview Strategy
Rod Elliot	04/03/2020	Amazon Web Services	Global Public Affairs Inc.
John Allen	04/03/2020	Amazon Web Services	Global Public Affairs Inc.
Elizabeth Wagdin	04/03/2020	Amazon Web Services	Global Public Affairs Inc.
Vince Amodeo	03/10/2020	Amazon Web Services	Global Public Affairs
Chad Rogers	11/15/2019	Amazon Corporate LLC	Crestview Strategy

Amazon has also been busy lobbying the Ontario Government. If no one can open out for "safety" reasons, then it leaves a huge void to fill. Side note: Crestview Strategy is the firm that was founded by Rob Silver, husband of Katie Telford, Trudeau's Chief of Staff. Crestview also lobbied Ottawa on behalf of GAVI, funded by the Gates Foundation.

9. Lobbyists Control All Parties

While this example referred to Ontario and Doug Ford, it's likely that the same corruption and influence peddling is elsewhere.

Even though William Pristanski worked for the Mulroney (Conservative) Government, and Bruce Hartley the Chretien (Liberal) Government, they now work together as lobbyists.

Doug Ford has been lobbied recently by political insiders from Walmart, including his own former staffers. This is most likely why he applies a double standard when it comes to letting

big box stores stay open, but smaller ones have to shut down. It has to do with corruption, not safety.

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2 Replies to “Ever Wonder Why Small Businesses Are Closed, While Large Chains Remain Open?”

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We should just change the name from Canada to Raketeeristan
The more we look under the hood, you begin to reliaze that Ferrari you thought you bought is just a pontiac fiero

Mike M1A

NOVEMBER 28, 2020 AT 7:08 AM

Take a look at reality and another perspective…

https://www.canada-confederation.ca/Vision_E/Confederation.html

https://www.canada-confederation.ca/Welcome/Anti-Peace-Order-Good-Government.html

It is self evident who is engaged in : crime, treason, genocide, war, immorality and economic distortion….and super imposed globalist agendas, which is Liberalism…Ford is compromised, the police are engaged in and enforcing Liberalism, remember the illegal Sunday shopping laws, laws against the law, regulations are not laws…when there is no integrity and true values, there is a problem…

is there a real virus, a real cover-19 virus, or is it really the 5G bio-weapon that has been censored, or the toxic anti viral drugs, or chemical trails, or vaping or geo nanotech cannabis, weed that is a problem, or the super imposed medical fascist tyranny, and those against “pro

Trump" or those who are about faith, family, freedom, free enterprise, nation state sovereignty, the individual?

No, we definitely are not all in this together, just like diversity is a code word for white genocide. about 90 or 95% of business is small business, not the big Walmarts that destroy main stream downtown and little stores everywhere, see, the government has no credibility, no integrity, no loyalty, no true values based ethics, they don't like you, they censor you or put you out of business. How is that any different, since nobody in government says "Made in Canada" body, build, save, invest, acquire Made in Canada.

Is war against Skelly ok because he is a "Whitey" a family man? An entrepreneur? Involved in Free enterprise? A place white people like to go? someone with an excellent product and service and successful for various reasons, including hard work, investing and building an enterprise and not being on welfare. Yes, he is privileged eh? Send in the police, to enforce illegal regulations, illegal laws, illegal 1982 Constitution, with the illegal multi-cultural act in the back ground, illegal globalist agendas, to crush and destroy free enterprise…can't have anyone doing anything productive and profitable or fun eh…the same bunch who shut down public boat launch facilities, since they did not like "Whitey" to practice "social distancing" out in the middle of a lake somewhere getting their fresh air and sunshine and peace of mind from the 95% of the stress created by the government and those criminal masterminds behind the scenes that are in the process of being arrested, tried, convicted and either in the slam or executed for their crimes against humanity…

lots of ammo eh, light up the BBQ, drink a craft beer, not one in the monopoly "the Beer Store" which replace the "Brewers Retail" by an act of crime, treason, genocide and war against everyone else except for the really special and privileged people who don't like your freedom of choice, or speech or that you might like a real good beer, and real good meat unpolluted from those industrial meat processing companies that don't care about your health, or for the animals either…class action anyone?